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Secrétaire général: R.W.Brock, Ottawa, Canada.
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Ottawa, Dec. 2nd, 1913.

Sir,

On behalf of the Twelfth International Geological Congress, I beg to convey to you the enclosed address of thanks, moved by Dr. G. O. Smith, Director of the United States Geological Survey, seconded by Dr. W. F. Hume, Director the Geological Survey of Egypt, and unanimously adopted by the Congress at its last meeting.

The Canadian Session of the Congress is conceded by all to have been the most successful yet held, in every respect. The excellent arrangements at the University were responsible for much of the success of the meeting, and the appreciation of the generous hospitality extended by you and the University of Toronto is voiced in this resolution of thanks which, though formal, expresses the feelings of the individual delegates and members.

1 Enclosure.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R.W. Brock

Dr. R. A. Falconer,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS, UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY

THE TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS, AT ITS

LAST MEETING, in TORONTO, AUG. 14th, 1913.

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The Twelfth International Geological Congress desires to express its deep sense of gratitude to all who have contributed in any way to the success of the Congress and the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and members. It desires to thank Field Marshal, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, for graciously extending his patronage; to thank the Government of Canada for its very generous support, not only in contributing substantial financial assistance but in placing at the service of the Congress so many of its officials and generally in aiding the Congress by every possible means; to thank the Governments of Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Nova Scotia for similar support; to thank the City of Toronto for its warm hospitality; to thank the Governors and President of Toronto University for placing at the disposal of the Congress the splendid equipment and buildings of the University, and in this connection, it desires to especially mention Mr. Graham Campbell, Superintendent of Buildings and Mr. Christie, who by their excellent arrangements have contributed so much to the comfort and convenience of the Members of the Congress; to thank the Colleges that have opened their residences and dining halls for the use of the Congress; and to thank all persons official, professional and non-professional, throughout the length and breadth of Canada, who by their labours, contributions and hospitality have made the Session and excursions of the Congress such note-worthy and memorable events in the history of the Congress.

The notable success of the 12th International Geological Congress has been made possible by the wise endeavours and indefatigable industry of its Executive Committee. This Congress therefore extends its congratulations and expresses its gratitude to the members of the Committee, who by their efficiency have so well represented their nation and our science. Special congratulations are due the officers of the Congress, President Adams and General Secretary Brock, the one so honorably representing Canadian Universities and the other so ably leading the Dominion Geological Survey, the geologists of which have contributed so effectively to the presentation of Canada's great natural resources and interesting geologic phenomena to the members of this Congress.

December 3rd, 1913

R. W. Brock, Esq.,

Dominion Geological Survey,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Brock:

Many thanks for your letter and the enclosed resolution of the Twelfth International Geological Congress. It is gratifying to everybody concerned that our visitors approved of what was done for them last August.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 16th, 1913

R. W. Brock, Esq.,

Director, Geological Survey,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Brock:

Doubtless the Hon. Mr. Coderre has shown you a letter which I wrote him last week with regard to establishing in the University of Toronto a laboratory for the investigation of clays. I expect to be in Ottawa on Thursday of this week, the 18th, and should like to have the opportunity of talking the matter over with you and afterwards of speaking to the Minister about it. Would you be good enough to make an arrangement with the Minister for me to see him? I expect to arrive at the Chateau Laurier on the morning of the 18th.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 10th, 1914

R. W. Brock, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Mines,

Ottawa.

My dear Mr. Brock:

In the first place will you allow me to congratulate you in the promotion which was gazetted two or three days ago. I am very glad to know that the Government has recognised your work by appointing you as Deputy Minister of Mines. Several members of the University have spoken to me about it and all of them with satisfaction.

Perhaps you have seen Dr. Haanel's last memorandum which Hon. Louis Coderre forwarded to me. Dr. Haanel seems unable to take my point of view and I cannot at all agree that the proposal that was submitted in the last letter to the Minister would involve any other principle than one that has been already adopted. That work has been completed in McGill and Queen's is no reason why new work should not be temporarily undertaken in the University of Toronto: that incidentally it should benefit education in the University cannot surely be an objection provided the Government is not subsidising the work for that purpose. I should hope that in a few years our finances would be such that we would have complete laboratories of our own in Ceramics which then might might or might not be used by the Dominion Government according as their plans would lead them to decide. I have asked Sir Edmund Osler to call on the minister of Mines when he goes to Ottawa and to lay our case once more before him. Meantime, I do not

see how the continuance of Mr. Keele and the extension of his work can in any way be the introduction of a new principle that would cause the Minister any difficulty.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 26th, 1914

R. W. Brock, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Mines,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Brock:

Last week when I was in Ottawa I hoped to be able to see you for a few moments, and I went out to the Victoria Museum, but I was there during the lunch hour. I was also hoping that I might have had a chance to speak to you if you had come to the opening of our museum last week, but since I was unable on either occasion to have a talk with you I will do my business by a letter.

Hon. Mr. Kemp enclosed to me your letter to him with regard to the establishment of a ceramic laboratory in the University of Toronto. I am glad to know from your letter that you do not see any objection in principle to the establishment of such a laboratory in the University, and that you are considering the question as to whether you can spare a technical officer who will be required to conduct the laboratory.

I hope that if you are able to recommend the establishment of a laboratory that you would keep Mr. Keele to work here, as he has proved himself to be very valuable and agreeable in giving any advice to what we have asked of him in regard to the teaching of students. It is a great satisfaction to know that you are sympathetic with the proposal as a whole, and I hope that you will find means to carry it out.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY MINISTER.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES
CANADA

Ottawa, April 6th, /14.

Dear Dr. Falconer,

I am thinking of appointing a man to look after the editing of Geological Survey reports, if I can find a suitable person. The position would call for a very careful, conscientious worker, with a good knowledge of English, good judgment, tact, and, if possible, some training in science. He should be young enough to be capable of adapting himself to the position and learning the work. It would be necessary for him to read over the reports, see that there were no errors in the English, or in spelling and punctuation, and to put in the directions for the printer; the latter of course he would learn quickly here. We should like him to have some training in science, in order that he might know something of the terminology, and be able to follow the meaning of the author, but it is not necessary that he should be able to correct or criticize the scientific work. If you know of any of your graduates whom you think would do well in this position, I should be very much obliged to you

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if you would let me have their names and some particulars regarding them.

Yours very truly,

R. W. Brock

Dr. R. A. Falconer, C.M.G., M.A.,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

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April 7th, 1914

R. A. Brock, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Mines,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Brock:

I have received your letter asking whether you can recommend a man to look after the editing of Geological Survey Reports. I am referring it to our Departments of Geology and Mineralogy in the hope that they may have some such man in view. If they have not I will try some of the other departments, and will do the best that I can for you.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Department of Geology.

April 9th.1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note and enclosure from the Deputy Minister of Mines re a candidate for the position of Editor of the Geological Survey,I beg to make the following suggestions:-

1st.- That a much more definite nomination could be made if we were aware of the salary attached to the position.

2nd.-Provided the salary is attractive,Mr. H.V.Ellsworth at present Fellow in the Department of Mineralogy,would be a very suitable man. Mr. Ellsworth's qualifications from the geological point of view are excellent as he is one of our best graduates and has had experience in the field. As an undergraduate he impressed both Professor Walker and myself as unusually well equipped in English.

3rd.-I believe that of the present fourth year men in Geology, Mr. Knox,Mr.McLeod or Mr.Hamil would be able to fill the position. A somewhat lower salary might be sufficiently attractive to these men.

4th.-A graduate in the Department of English who had taken the Chemistry and Geology of the General Course might prove an acceptable candidate.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Parks.

The President,

University of Toronto.

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April 13th, 1914

R. W. Brock, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Mines,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Brock:

I have written to Professor Parks about the possibility of securing some one for the position that you referred to in your letter to me of April 6. Professor Parks mentions Mr. H. V. Ellsworth, at present Fellow in the Department of Mineralogy. His qualifications from the geological point of view are excellent, as he is one of our best graduates and has had experience in the field. He is unusually well qualified in English, but he would have to know perhaps more definitely what salary is attached to the position.

Dr. Parks has also given me three other names of men who might perhaps suit for the work and perhaps might be secured at a lower salary. I should be glad to hear from you more definitely in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY MINISTER.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES
CANADA

Ottawa, May 8th, /14.

Dear Dr. Falconer,

I have discussed the matter of the clay work for the coming year with Mr. Keele, and find that it will not interfere with the interests of the Department to allow Mr. Keele to remain at Toronto University for his work next year. I am very glad indeed to be able to comply with your request.

Yours very truly,

R W Brock

Dr. Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

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May 9th, 1914

R. W. Brock, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Mines,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Brock:

Many thanks for your letter intimating that you will permit Mr. Keele to remain with the University of Toronto for next year. I should of course have been glad had you been able to give us definite announcement with regard to the establishment of an investigating laboratory at the same time.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.